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Sent: 2/18/2022 7:32:02 PM
To: Green, Jamie (R7) [Green.Jamie@epa.gov]; Bryan, David [Bryan.David@epa.gov]; Weekley, Erin [weekley.erin@epa.gov]; Beringer, Mike [Beringer.Michael@epa.gov]; Buckner, Edwin [Buckner.Edwin@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry: Grist Interview Request - Treated Seeds & AltEn

I added the Grist request to the Teams site <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/file/A55F9D01-FDC5-400E-8440->

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If you have anything to add to the response. Thank you.

From: Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 7:06 AM
To: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>; Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 4:03 PM
To: Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>; Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>
Cc: Bruno, Jodi <Bruno.Jodi@epa.gov>; Humphrey, Leslie <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>
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INQUIRY: Treated Seeds & AltEn site in Nebraska
REPORTER: Diana Kruzman – Midwest Fellow
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R7 CONTACTS:

Candace Bednar is the POC for a multi division team working on the AltEn site.

Jamie Green – Pesticides Contact

David Bryan – Press Officer

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Inquiry:

I'm a reporter for Grist, where I'm working on a story about pesticide-treated seeds in the context of the issues around pollution and seed disposal at the AltEn plant in Mead, Nebraska.

HQ OPA Assistance - I'm hoping to speak to you (or someone at the EPA who specializes in these matters) about the way the agency approaches treated seeds and the "treated article exemption," as well as to learn more about proper disposal methods.

REGION 7 - I also know that the EPA has been involved in monitoring the situation in Mead so would love to speak to you (or others in your office with direct knowledge of the issue) about the agency's work there.

Let me know if you're available for an interview sometime this week or early next, and I can work around your schedule. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana

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From: Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:19 PM

To: Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>; Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>; Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>

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From: Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:17 PM

To: Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>; Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>; Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>

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Thanks,
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From: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:45 PM

To: Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>; Green, Jamie (R7) <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>

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From: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
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Sharing for awareness.

From: Beisser, Shannan
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>
Cc: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Interview Request - Treated Seeds & AltEn

We'll respond. You can let Diana know that a member of our regional press team will be contacting her.

Thanks, Doug!

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From: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Beisser, Shannan <Beisser.Shannan@epa.gov>
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Thanks,

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From: Diana Kruzman <dkruzman@grist.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>
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